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SUBJECT: BRITISH VIEWS OF GRIVAS INTENTIONS

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SUMMARY: FCO OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO BE UNIMPRESSED BY ANY IMMEDIATE THREAT OF GRIVASITE TAKEOVER. THEY DISCOUNT CHANCES INTER- COMMUNAL TALKS WILL SUCCEED. END SUMMARY

1. WE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF VISIT DEPARTMENT OFFICER PHILIP STODDARD MARCH 30 TO CONTINUE EXCHANGE WITH FCO SOUTH EUROPEAN DEPT HEAD GOODISON ON SITUATION IN CYPRUS.

2. GOODISON STATED FLATLY THAT FCO INTERPRETED CANCELLATION OF EOKA DAY CEREMONIES AS ANOTHER " DIG" AT GRIVAS. HE THOUGHT IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT GRIVAS, EVEN WERE HE PLANNING A COUP, WOULD CHOOSE A DAY ON WHICH ALL ARMED FORCES OUT ON PARAGEPARADE.

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3. WHILE MORE CAUTIOUS THAN IN PAST ABOUT DISCOUNTING POSSIBILITY OF GRIVAS EFFORT TO SEIZE POWER, GOODISON STILL MANIFESTED CONSIDERABLE DOUBT THIS EVEN CONSIDERED A REAL POSSIBILITY BY MAKARIOS. HE NOTED COUPLE OF DOZEN OFFICERS DISMISSED BY MAKARIOS FROM POLICE BARELY SCRATCHED SURFACE OF GRIVASITE INFILTRATION THERE, AND MAKARIOS MUST KNOW IT.

4. AT SAME TIME, IF ONE CONTINUES TO SUBSCRIBE TO THEORY THAT GRIVAS WILL NOT RISK ALL EXCEPT IF CONFRONTED BY IMMINENT SUCCESS OF INTER- COMMUNAL TALKS, GOODISON NOTED PROSPECTS FOR THEIR SUCCESS AS BLEAK AS EVER. DESPITE GLIMMERS OF PROGRESS IN PAST, AND CONTINUING OPTIMISM OF UN' S OSORIO- TAFALL, BRITISH BELIEVE TALKS LIKELY NEITHER TO SUCCEED NOR FAIL, JUST GO ON.

5. GOODISON ALSO AGREED WITH OUR SUGGESTION THAT, ON EVIDENCE AVAILABLE, TURKS APPEARED TO CONSIDER GRIVAS MORE OF AN ASSET (IN TROUBLE HE GIVES MAKARIOS) THAN A LIABILITY (IN TROUBLE HE MIGHT CAUSE TURKS). HE ADDED THAT TURKS SEEM SURPRISINGLY CONCERNED FOR SECURITY OF CURRENT GREEK REGIME, WHICH THEY CONSIDER MOST FRIENDLY GREEK GOVERNMENT THEY HAVE EVER HAD. THEY WORRY THAT IT MAY NOT KNOW HOW TO HANDLE ITS STUDENT DISSIDENTS AS " EFFECTIVELY" AS DO THE TURKS. GOODISON ADDED A CYNICAL PERSONAL COMMENT OR TWO ABOUT THAT.

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